CITY OF ELGIN
COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 1999

COUNCILORS PRESENT- Glenn Clark
Joe Estes
John Braughton
John Stover
Pat Mc Mullen
Berta Churchill- Mayor
ABSENT- John McElravy

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Mayor Berta Churchill.

Approval of Minutes
The Mayor called for approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 1999. Councilor Stover moved to approve the minutes as presented with Councilor Mc Mullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Supervisors Reports: The Mayor called for the supervisors reports.

Police- Chief Sibley; Absent, no report.

Public Works- Kyle Boylen; Absent. Councilor Braughton reported that the city has the opportunity to buy 1000 yards of gravel for the streets from Henderson at $6.00 $5.85/yard plus hauling including hauling cost. Kyle has concerns about the quality of it for the roads. Councilor Braughton asked to table this matter until the next meeting so he can find out more information to bring back to the council.

Library-

Sandra Good reported that the Summer Reading program is finishing up with outstanding participation.

Two large book shelf units were donated by the Winklemans. Therefore, major reshelving took place in order to better organize the children's materials.

A check and book list will be sent for the Libri Grant Materials later this month.

The Oregon State Library Ready to Read Grant was sent but may need to amend this grant if the governor signs it. The Legislature approved SB634 that increases funding to $1 per child per year. Instead of receiving the earlier projected $682 for the children's grant, we may receive $904.

Mary Kay Dahlgreen from the Oregon State Library may be able to set up a meeting on September 16th to talk to our Library Board about the Youth Services Guidelines Workshop.

At this time, Mayor Churchill stopped the supervisor's reports to address the scheduled hearing. When finished they will return to Sandra Good.

Hearing:
The time of 7:10 having arrived, Mayor Churchill opened the hearing to consider the application of Community Bank and Ernie Baker for a Conditional Use Permit. The application requests a conditional use to maintain livestock and to place a trailer house for office and residential use in conjunction with an allowed commercial storage operation and a commercial riding corral and arena. The property is located on Pumpkin Ridge Road; (Twp 1N, Rng 39 sec. 15, tax lot 1701). Eugene and Rhonda Cissna wrote a letter opposing with the following concerns. If this is to be approved, there needs to be major road improvements. The roads are dusty now especially on dump days. Water supply needs to be improved since it is not adequate as of now. Noise regulations and time zone of noise levels need to be established. Fencing improvement is also a necessity so that the neighbors don't have to worry about trespassers. They feel that too many buildings would ruin the beauty of the view. Councilor Mc Mullen questioned this application due to the fact that the two previous conditional uses given have not met their conditions. Mr. Baker was concerned that he should not be compared to the others just because they have not met their responsibilities. The council assured Mr. Baker that they would strictly go by the requirements to allow/or not to allow this conditional use application and not judge him by the others non-compliance. Councilor Stover asked for dimensions on the sketch for the next meeting. Mayor Churchill closed the hearing.

Supervisors Reports continued

Library continued-

Sandra spoke at length about the Ten County Library Project. The Eastern Oregon Library Association received approval for the LSTA grant. They hired a part time grant writer to help fund improvements for 32 libraries in the region. At this time her understanding is that no monies are needed. They have asked for a letter of support for what is called a pilot project from our library. Mayor Churchill gave her the approval to send a letter of support.

The air conditioner being put into the library was brought up by Councilor Stover and different ideas were discussed at length with Sandra. The council decided they'll keep working on the problem.

Fire- Chief Pat McDonald; absent, no report.

Ambulance- Carla Hubbard; absent, no report. Mayor Churchill wanted to congratulate our two new EMT's that did excellent while going through the classes.

Municipal Court- Ralph Howell; absent, written report.

Recorder/Administrator-

Vicki Weaver, City Clerk, is filling in for Joe Garlitz as he is on vacation. The auditors were at the office during the week of July 19, 1999. The audit report should be available for the council in September.

The Hun-a-ha Park lift station has been installed. The installation of the underground utilities can now proceed.

A small desktop copier/printer has been purchased. The cost was under $900 with a 4 year service contract. The machine may not be fully adequate for the office, but will be sufficient for the time being.

Waiting until next year will give the digital copier market time to settle. This new technology is just opening for the smaller office. It seems every body has one that will be out next week, but "we don't have the prices just yet".

Committee Reports

The Mayor then called for the committee reports.

Administration: Councilors Estes and Mc Mullen reported that they had reviewed the bills.

Public Works: Councilor Braughton informed the council that if a holiday falls in the middle of a 40 hour week and for some reason they have to work over their regular hours, the time they work is paid to them in straight time not overtime, therefore a holiday is not recognized as a days worked. After discussion, Councilor Braughton moved to recognize a paid holiday as a days worked with Councilor Estes as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Public Safety: Councilor Braughton also brought up the dangerous situation at 14th & Division right across from C-zers. Trucks, camper/van parking on the corner obstructs the vision when a vehicle is pulling off of 14th onto Division. After discussion, the council decided that a hearing needs to be scheduled with ODOT and table this matter until the next meeting. Councilor Stover reported that Idaho Northern Pacific Railroad has fixed Baltimore and Detroit crossings. Alder and Birch will be taken care of at a later time.

Old Business

Ordinance 132, vacation of alley in block 22 between 14TH & 15TH (Maria Dalton); 2ND Reading.

Ordinance 132 vacating the alley in block 22 of the North Elgin Subdivision was presented and read for the second reading. Councilor Clark moved to accept ordinance 132 with Councilor Braughton as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Transportation Plan (TSP)

Dara Decker of the Union County Planning Department was present to express her thanks to the council for their hard work.

Ordinance 131, Land use plan, zoning ordinance and partition and subdivision ordinance by adopting the City of Elgin transportation system plan; 2ND Reading.

Ordinance 131 was presented and read for the second reading. Councilor Stover moved to accept ordinance 131 with Councilor Clark as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Installation of "Fines Double" school zone signs

Councilor Estes moved to accept Chief Sibley's map which defined the school zones for the high school/grade school and the locations where the designated signs needed to be placed with Councilor Braughton as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

New Business

Resolution 1067- Small cities grant for East Baltimore St. Originally, the proposed section was from 3RD Ave through 6TH Ave with the length being 900 feet. That has been changed from 3RD Ave through 10TH Ave and length being 2000 feet. Councilor Stover moved to accept the resolution 1067 with the changes with Councilor Clark as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried. Roger's Asphalt Paving Co sent a proposal for a 2 inch compacted mat of Class C asphalt to overlay 900 feet of street, 24 feet wide and extend cross street intersection, 20 feet X 24 feet with a 24 foot radius. Their price is $18,519. Vicki Weaver informed the council that Joe figured out the cost per foot before he left and said it would be a good deal to accept and go forth.

OLCC permit application, Timbers Lounge

Arley Smith, who is leasing the building from Jack & Judy Johnson, is applying for the permit. Susan Williamson, Manager, was present for any questions. After discussion, Councilor Braughton moved to accept this application with Councilor Estes as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Correspondence

UCEDC wrote a letter thanking the City of Elgin for their recent donation.

Frances Halsey wishes to donate a Wurlitzer Organ that she won to the City of Elgin for use in the Opera House. The Council accepted the donation. The original letter will be placed in the Opera House Lease file for future reference and a thank you letter will be sent to Mrs. Halsey.

A letter of proclamation regarding the disabled was presented.

Councilor Clark moved to recognize that October is designated as Disability Employment Awareness Month with Councilor Stover as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

The city received a thank you letter from one of the vendors saying that even though they did not have good business, they enjoyed their stay during the Elgin Stampede weekend.

Good of the Order

Councilor Mc Mullen moved to approve the bills with Councilor Estes as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

The Elgin Clinic is asking Mayor Churchill to send a letter of support for the grant that they are applying for. This will allow the clinic to have a part-time Registered Nurse. Councilor Estes moved to have Mayor Churchill send a letter of support for the Elgin Clinic Grant with Councilor Mc Mullen as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Boise Cascade Corporation sent a letter informing the city of their progress.

Gary Anderson & Russ Scott did a good job on the steps of the Opera House.

Councilor Mc Mullen moved to adjourn, with Councilor Stover as second. The vote was unanimous for approval, motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted;

Vicki Weaver
City Clerk

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